

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1482

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 20, 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 98
S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY TRAFFIC OFFENSES AND CRIMES, PETTY MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES, AND MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES THAT CAUSE A DISPROPORTIONATE WORKLOAD FOR THE JUDICIARY AND THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR DECRIMINALIZATION AS INFRACTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

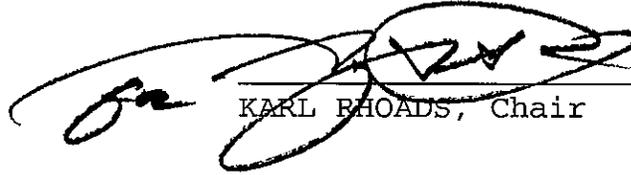
The purpose of this measure is to conduct a study to identify traffic offenses and crimes, petty misdemeanor offenses, and misdemeanor offenses that cause a disproportionate workload for the Judiciary and that may be appropriate for decriminalization.

The Office of the Public Defender testified in support. The Judiciary offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



